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Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
 Washington, DC 20231

Official**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)**

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Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that an extension of time for 3 months, to and including October 11, 2001, may be granted in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) in order to extend the period for response to the Office Action mailed April 11, 2001.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 07-1729 for the required fee, and for any additional charges that may be incurred.

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